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Attention: The Examiner Lloyd A. Gall

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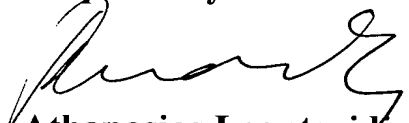
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Re: In re application of United States Patent Application No. 10/018,998  
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**SUPPLEMENTARY RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

Following my response of March 18, 2003 to your Office Communication of January 23, 2003, I hereby kindly request that you cancel without prejudice claims 1-13 in the above application and replace them with claims 14-20 attached herewith. It is hereby stated that no new matter is included in claims 14-20 and the replacement is made in an effort to facilitate procedure by bringing forward this version of the claims, which are equivalent to the amended claims submitted during PCT Chapter II procedure. The Examiner is kindly asked not to hesitate to demand any additional information in the scope of bringing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted

  
Athanasios Leontaridis

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